



June Club Meeting

During the summer months a paddle is offered to replace the RICKA monthly meeting. We do not have a "meeting" on this evening, just an enjoyable paddle suitable for everyone.

June 21 "Meeting on the Water" paddle at Valley Falls (Lonsdale) Marsh, Cumberland, RI

A very scenic paddle for paddlers of all abilities. Enjoy the scenic marsh and a paddle up the Blackstone to the Pratt Dam.

The Lonsdale Marsh is the largest fresh-water marsh in Rhode Island and was created by the Valley Falls Dam. The marsh is an important stopping point for migrating birds on one of the great northeast flyways, and each spring several species of waterfowl use the marsh for their nesting grounds.

Meet at 6:00 at Central Falls Landing. Launching at 6:30. Trip organizer: A.J. Barbato android2@earthlink.net or 401-678-6620.

GPS Coordinates: N41 53.907 W071 23.392

Directions from Worcester

Take Route 146 South onto Rhode Island. Take 295 North to Route 114 South (Exit 11). Take Route 114 south, this road is also called High Street. Turn right on Mill Street and drive down to Broad Street. Town Hall Cumberland will be on your right. Turn left onto Broad Street and cross the bridge into Central Falls. Take first right onto Maderia Ave. Docks immediately on right.

Directions from Providence

Take Route 146 North to Route 116. Take 116 North over the Ashton Viaduct to Mendon Road (Route 122). Turn right and head south along 122. At the Stop & Shop on your right, turn left at the next light onto Ann & Hope Way. Drive up the hill over the P&W tracks and past Ann and Hope. Turn right onto Broad Street. Take Broad street south and watch for the Cumberland town hall on your left (a Big Brick Building with yellow capped tower) - cross bridge into Central Falls. Take first right onto Maderia Ave. Docks immediately on right.



2nd Annual



RICKA Family Picnic & Barbecue

Date: Sunday July 25, 2010

Location: The Pavilion at Ft. Getty in Jamestown (for directions see below)

Time: We have the Pavilion from 8 am to 4 pm

Paddles: There will be both flat water and sea kayaking paddles leaving from Ft. Getty. Check the flat water and sea kayaking bulletin boards and calendars for details.

Food: Catered southern barbecue from Becky's Barbecue in Middletown, RI. The meal includes barbecued chicken and pulled pork, a variety of sides, drinks, watermelon and dessert. Vegetarian meals can be provided and kid's meals are available. See the registration form.

Other Activities:

Fort Getty offers swimming and fishing. There is volleyball net, just bring a ball. There is ample room for ball games, badminton, or most anything else. Organize an activity and bring the necessary equipment.

Also, an "Olympic" ICF Flat Water Racing Kayak will be available for any one to try and test their skills at staying vertical and dry.

Cost and Registration:

Adults \$10, \$5 for 12 and under.

All are welcome including members, their families including significant others, friends and relatives. Use the attached form.

Please make checks payable to RICKA and mail them to: Charlie Larocque, 561 Seven Mile Rd. Hope RI 02831-1850

VERY IMPORTANT

Because this is a catered event we must let the caterer know the head count by July 10. Your registration form and check must be in Charlie's hands before then or sooner.

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2nd Annual RICKA Picnic



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Please note: -This is a **non-alcoholic** event -Lunch will be served starting at 1 pm for about an hour

Directions to Ft. Getty:

When arriving at Ft. Getty you will need to stop at the guard station. Tell the guard you are attending the RICKA Picnic and they will admit you without charge

GPS Coordinates to the pavilion N 41°29.323' W 070°23.932'

From 95 North Bound:

Take exit 3 to Route 138 East. Turn left at light where Route 138 East merges with Route 1. Take the Jamestown/Newport Bridge exit (Route 138 East). Follow Route 138 East to Jamestown via the Jamestown Bridge. Take Helm Street exit onto access road and go straight at the stop sign. Follow road out and take a right at the stop sign onto North Road. Go straight at 4 way intersection and follow road out past Mackerel Cove Beach. After the beach take first right onto Fort Getty Road and continue onto the gate house and check in.

From 95 South Bound:

Take Route 4 to Route 1. Take the Jamestown/Newport Bridge exit (Route 138 East). Follow Route 138 East to Jamestown via the Jamestown Bridge. Take Helm Street exit onto access road and go straight at the stop sign. Follow road out and take a right at the stop sign onto North Road. Go straight at 4 way intersection and follow road out past Mackerel Cove Beach. After the beach take first right onto Fort Getty Road and continue onto the gatehouse and check in.

From Newport:

Follow Route 138 West over the Newport Bridge. Take the Jamestown exit. Bear right at the yield sign and continue until stop sign. Turn left onto Conanicus Avenue and go straight at the intersection. Follow road approximately .5 miles and take a right onto Hamilton Avenue. Go straight at stop sign and follow road out past Mackerel Cove

2nd Annual

Member Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Number of Adult Meals: _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Number of Vegetarian Meals (Adult): _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Number of Kids' Meals: _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to RICKA and mail them to:
 Charlie LaRocque
 561 Seven Mile Road
 Hope, RI 02831-1850

RICKA Family Picnic & Barbecue





Let's Go Green With The Paddler



Over the last decade there have been many changes in the world and many of them have impacted RICKA. For example, 10 years ago the only options available to receive the newsletter were standard mail (formerly known as bulk rate) or first class mail. Postage has been a large cost to RICKA over the years and each postage increase has affected us. The last increase in dues, several years ago, was to cover the postage increase,

and we've had several more postage increases since then. To offset these increases, at one point we were charging an additional \$5.00 for those members who elected to receive the newsletter via First Class Mail.

Today the majority of our newsletters are delivered electronically via email. This change has been good for RICKA in a many ways. Obviously, it saves us a lot of money on postage. Each member that switches to email saves us almost \$3.00 just in postage a year. Add to that the cost of paper, envelopes, ink, printing, copying, etc. and the savings almost doubles. It also is much better for the environment. Think Green! Many other clubs and organizations only offer an email newsletter at this point.

It also saves the executive board a lot of work and time. There are over 300 newsletters that we do not have to collate, staple, fold, stuff and seal into envelopes. Anyone that has ever prepared a large mailing understands what I'm talking about. It is a lot of work.

There is however, one drawback to the increase in electronic delivery. As fewer newsletters are sent by standard (bulk) mail, we will soon lose our standard mail discount. It looks like first class mail or email

will soon be the only choices, and we may have to start charging for first class mail delivery again to offset the ever-increasing costs.

So we would like to encourage you to switch to email delivery. There are some other advantages to members. You can now get the Paddler sent to two email addresses, so you and your significant other can both receive a copy or you can get one copy at work and one at home. You can also read the newsletter anywhere you have access to your email.

On a related topic, anyone joining or renewing their membership since April may have noticed some minor changes in the printing of the welcome/renewal letter and membership cards. If you listed two names on the membership application, each name appears on a separate line in the letter and there will also be two membership cards. This was one of the most asked for items over the last few years. Another change that was put in earlier was the second email address which allows members to get that second email for the Paddler.

Still another request was to laminate the membership card so they could be carried on trips. So we now laminate the card, and have increased the size of your name so you can use it as a badge. The back side of the card shows the membership address with guaranteed return postage, so if someone finds it, all they have to do is drop it in a mailbox and it will be returned to us. There is also a reminder to wear you PFD.

We hope you like these changes, and welcome any additional ideas you may have.

Jim Cole, Membership Chair

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 7 pm

70 Scott Street, Pawtucket

All members are welcome to attend.

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CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



June 2010 RICKA Sea Kayaking Calendar www.rickaseakayaking.org

Kayaking on the ocean is an inherently risky endeavor.

Before choosing to participate in a group trip, check the marine forecast and consider the trip level at <http://rickaseakayaking.org/levels.htm>. Check the RIC/KA Sea Kayaking Paddling Basics, <http://rickaseakayaking.org/basics.htm>, for more information about group trips.

Changes & cancellations due to weather or other conditions will be posted on the RICKA Sea Kayak Message Board by 8 am the day of the trip: <http://rickaseakayaking.org/forums/index.php?board=3.0>

Saturday, June 5, 10:00am Gooseberry Point, Westport, MA Level 3 Peter Hill (Peter.Hill@hp.com) Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net)

Sunday, June 6, 10 am King's Beach Level 3-4 Tony Moore (tsunamikayak@juno.com)

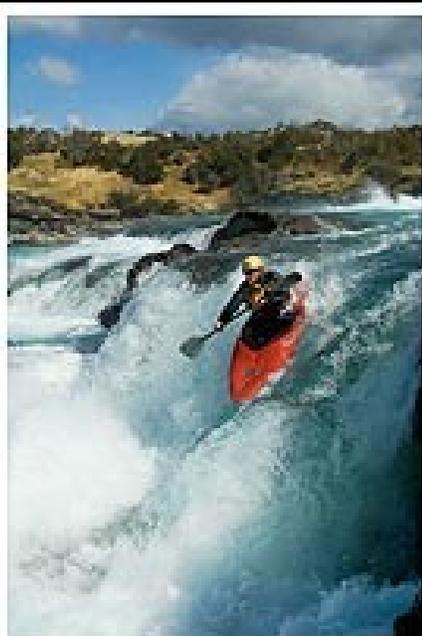
Sunday, June 13, 10 am Potter's Cove Level 2+ Carole Costanza (c2sea@verizon.net), Paul Bender (dopplerdad64@gmail.com)

Saturday, June 19, 10 am Ft. Wetherill Level 3-4 Richard Copeland (RLCoupland@msn.com)

Sunday, June 20, 10 am Sakonnet Point Level 3 Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net), Todd Moore

Saturday June 26, 10 am Bay Campus Level 2-3 Carole Costanza (c2sea@verizon.net), Rick Brooks (RBrooks104@aol.com)

July 4, 10 am 4th of July Picnic URI Bay Campus to Narrow River Level 3-4 Tim Motte (ttamotte@cox.net), Carleen McOsker (carleenmco@charter.net)



Whitewater

July 17 and 18—Class II Whitewater Kayak Course. The course will be taught by ACA certified whitewater instructor Mike Rock and will be free for qualified RICKA and ACA members. If you are not an ACA member, there will be a one-time \$5 event membership fee.

Go to www.woonsocket.org/wwschool.html to register. Contact Mike Rock Kayak-Fool2@aol.com or Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net for additional information. See the May issue of The Paddler for more details.

August 14th – Easy Whitewater Trip on the Lower Deerfield – Charlemont, MA. Shuttle time will depend on release schedule. Organizer: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net (401) 765-1741 Please RSVP to organizer.

September 18th – Farmington River – Riverton, CT. Shuttle at 10:30. Organizer: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net (401) 765-1741 Please RSVP to organizer.



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RICKA Flatwater Trips

For details and directions go to www.RICKA.org and click on Flatwater. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater message board. Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

June 5th Quinebaug River Meet at 10:00 for 10:30 launch. Trip organizer: Henry Dziadosz henry@twincitysupply.com Hdziadosz@hotmail.com 401-567-0313

June 6th Connecticut River - Opera House to Chester Ferry . Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 am launch. Trip organizer: Jim Cole Jim-Cole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033.

June 12th Quinebaug River - Putnam to Dayville CT. Meet at 10:00 shuttle leaves at 10:30. Trip organizer: Mark Roberts 401-533-1883 Cell email: hrrmark@gmail.com

.Sunday, June 13th. Basic Flatwater Paddling Class held by the RICKA Flatwater Group. Contact Erik Eckilson for info eckilson@cox.net.

June 20th Fathers Day Paddle- Narrow River to Gilbert Stuart and back. Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch. Trip organizer: Henry Dziadosz henry@twincitysupply.com Hdziadosz@hotmail.com 401-567-0313.

.June 20th Bungay River Fathers Day Paddle Attleboro MA. Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 am launch. Karen and Don Heath Heath53@cox.net. 401- 651-5827.

June 21 "Meeting on the Water" paddle at Valley Falls Marsh Cumberland RI See monthly club meeting announcement on Page 1.

June 26th River Island Park to Albion -Don and Karen Heath Heath53@cox.net 401-651-5827. Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle.

June 26th Providence River Bold Point, East Providence Full Moon Paddle. Time to be determined. Trip organizer: Mark Roberts 401-533-1883 Cell email: hrrmark@gmail.com.

June 27th Charles River and Populatic Pond Norfolk to Medway/ Franklin MA. Trip organizer: A.J. Barbato android2@earthlink.net 401-678-6620.

July 4th Surf and Play Day- Narrow River Trip Organizers: Bennett Thompson and Cheryl Thompson Cameron.stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-647-5887

Blackstone Valley Paddle Club

Details and directions can be found by going to www.ricka.org and clicking on BV Paddlers. We have rental boats available on the first and third Tuesday evenings & the last Thursday evening of the month from our vendor Great Canadian.

June 1st 6:15 pm - Slatersville Reservoir & the Branch River, Rentals Available. This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of upper Slatersville Reservoir and then a stretch of the Branch River.

June 8th 6:15 pm - Blackstone Canal- Kelly House. We will have National Park Service Rangers paddling with us this evening.

June 15th 6:15 pm - Blackstone River above the Blackstone Rentals Available A pleasant flatwater paddle from the Gorge upstream, to the Millville Locks and back.

June 22nd 6:15 pm - Riverbend Farm, Uxbridge MA We will have a National Park Service Ranger paddling with us this evening. Paddle on the canal to historic Goat Hill lock or experienced paddlers can paddle the loop, down the river and then up the canal.

June 24th 6:15 pm -Spring Lake- Burrville RI. Intro to Paddling night Rentals Available "Intro to Paddling" This evening will be solely devoted to paddlers interested in learning basic strokes that will allow them to better control their boat, whether they paddle a canoe or kayak. "Introduction to Paddling Nights" are free of charge and included with your membership or boat rental!

June 29th 6:15 pm - Nipmuc River and the Harrisville Mill Pond. Naturalist Julie Reindeau will be leading this trip. This river, above the pond and above where the Clear River enters, is listed by the state as pristine water, the state's highest rating for water quality. Note there are numerous beaver dams on the river.

July 6th 6:15 pm - Valley Falls (Lonsdale) Marsh, Cumberland RI Rentals Available. A very scenic paddle for paddlers of all abilities. Enjoy the scenic marsh and a paddle up the Blackstone to the Pratt Dam.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Tsetse Gallery 2nd Annual K4K: Kayak for Kids Saturday, June 19, 10:00AM (Rain date Sunday, June 20)

Join us as we kayak the Upper Pawtuxet River, while raising funds so children in need can receive art scholarships at The TSETSE Gallery.

Kayakers paddle to the upper end of the river by Scituate Reservoir and on the way back, stop at a private residence along the Pawtuxet for a fantastic lawn party lunch. At this stop, you will be provided with specialty salads, burgers, spring water, juices etc. The paddle continues back to the put in. With luck, we just might see bald eagles, baby ducks, baby swans and great blue herons.

Suitable for all boats and levels of experience. PFDs Required.

Organizer: Mark Roberts hrmMark@gmail.com 401-533-1883

*Donation of \$20 or more requested (tax-deductible).
To confirm call TSETSE Gallery RI:401.453.3337, or TSETSE Gallery CT: 860.447.2447, or e-mail: tsetse@tsetsegallery.org.
Mail checks to: The TSETSE Gallery, 51 Empire St., Providence RI 02903.*

DIRECTIONS: Hope Landing Access: Take I-295 to Exit 4 - Plainfield Pike/RI-14 W, Turn Left onto Comstock Pkwy. Turn Right onto Scituate Ave/RI-12. Go 3.3 miles, Turn Left onto North Rd/RI-116. Follow RI-116 for 2.2 miles, Turn Right onto Hope Furnace Rd. – Hope Landing Access is on the right.

*Street GPS Address: 11 Hope Furnace Road, Hope RI
GPS Coordinates: N41 43.868 W071 33.930*

Westport River Watershed Alliance 7th Annual River Run

Come out and play on the Westport River. The 7th Annual River Run will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2010 rain or shine. Kayakers canoers, and paddle boarders will be able to participate in either a family-fun course (3.5 miles) or a competitive paddle (6.5) miles with tides and wind). Both courses begin at Hix Bridge Landing and finishing at the Head of Westport.

If you don't have a boat, don't let that stop you from coming out and having fun; kayak rentals are available on race day at a discounted price from Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures. Transportation of kayak to race start is included. (You must pre-arrange for your boat.) Call Osprey Sea Kayak at 508-636-0300 to reserve.

If you would rather help volunteer for the race call WRWA 508-636-3016.

This year the entry fees are as follows:

WRWA Member/Non-Member	
Pre-Registration:	Single \$20/\$25
	Double \$30/\$35
Race Day:	Single \$25/\$30
	Double \$35/\$40

Entry fee includes a tee shirt (while they last) and water. Juice and snacks (while they last) will be provided at the end of the race.

- Prizes awarded in a variety of classes.
- Registration begins at 8:30 AM
- Challenge Race starts at 10 AM
- Family Fun Race starts at 10:30 AM
- Free Shuttle back to race start

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

(This equipment will be checked prior to the race.)

- Coast Guard type III Personal Flotation Device (PFD), worn at all times while paddling.
- Whistle, Water for all; Pump & Paddle Float for decked kayaks.
- All boats must have adequate flotation so that they can be paddled when fully swamped.

Westport River Watershed Alliance
1151 Main Rd.
Westport, MA 02790
508-636-3016

Info@wrwa.com
www.westportwatershed.org





MARKETPLACE



RICKA CLASSIFIEDS

Walden Experience-RED-10' kayak, 27" wide, 35"x18" cockpit. Weighs 42# and is approx 5-6 years old. Has a 10" day hatch, cup holder, adjustable padded seat, deck rigging, adjustable footpegs, made of recycled materials. Well taken care of, but also enjoyed, so there are scratches on the bottom....but still a good looking little boat. Very stable, great for rivers, lakes, ponds and fishing. \$250 If interested, please email businessfile12@gmail.com (5/18)

Boat Shoes: Teva, blue, women's 5 - \$10. Triangle, blue, men's 8/women's 9 - \$5. Blue+Black, women's 9/men's 7 - \$5. **Paddle club hat:** Blackstone Valley Paddle Club baseball hat. \$5. **Dive fins (new).** Blue + black Mares Challenge Size 7.5-8. \$10. **NRS Kayak Air Bags** from Northwest River Supply. Fits 9.5 foot Perception or similar recreational kayak **Kayak pump,** yellow and blue \$15. 401.941.8061, leave a message and phone number. (5/18)

Brand new Swift Bering Sea kayak, kevlar, skeg, red over white. 40 lbs, 15'10" long, 23.5" wide. Fast, stable, forgiving kayak. See details at <http://www.swiftcanoe.com/kayak/touring/BeringSeaSport.htm>. Retail for \$3,200, asking \$2,300. Cat 508-369-3028 catherineraciff@earthlink.net (4/25)

Yakima Kayak J Rack, includes installation tool, instructions and straps, great condition, like new, purchased August 2008. \$125.00. Please call 508-713-5697 (4/15)

Orion kayak, designed by [Hans Friedel](#) and hand-built by seller. Length 17' 9", width 20' 3/4", weight 49 lbs. Fibreglass with beautiful red/white cedar deck and green hull. Hard-chined Greenland style. A great and eye-catching play boat that tracks well and will be fun to paddle by all skill levels. \$1,500. Reply to petrelc@msn.com for further details, photos, test paddle info. (4/6)

Fiberglass kayak, 17' X 23", rudder. Never used and in immaculate condition. \$1,900 (New \$2,900+). This is a great kayak for expeditions or day use and is stable and handles rough seas extremely well. For manufacturer's info go to: www.borealdesign.com/en/kayak.php?id=3 email: aikijerry@optonline.net (4/2)

NRS Ladies wet suit with relief zipper. Size medium but runs small. Worn once. \$75. welcomelacefarm@yahoo.com 401 374-0924 (3/20)

Big Agnes Parkview 3 Tent (includes rainfly & footprint - *perfect for the annual RICKA trip to the Adirondacks!*) for only \$100. Original cost is tent \$300 and footprint \$30. Both are barely used and in excellent shape. Visit the REI website for specs <http://www.rei.com/product/785350>. Please email me at bfarrell7@hotmail.com if you are interested. (1/18)

2 Prijon Seayaks (red) click here for specs. <http://www.wildnet.com/tour.asp?name=seayak> Great boats used very little, both with rudders, sprayskirts some other accessories. \$1000 each. I also have 2 carbon fiber Bending Branches slice hybrid paddles, 1 normal grip 1 small grip. If interested contact Rolf@Xmission.com (12/10)

Epic 16 kevlar touring with SmartTrak rudder only 39#. Near new yellow / white plus new fitted neoprene skirt. Super woman's boat. \$2000 / (860) 334 9433 (10/20)

P&H Capella polyethylene sea kayak, skeg, yellow, 2 day hatches, good for a beginner or more advanced, a fun boat. \$749 bevthomas2@cox.net, 401-568-8166 (10/6)

OUTFITTER DISCOUNTS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

Blackstone Valley Outfitters

10% off retail prices on all kayak accessories, guided trips and instructions
25 Carrington Street, Lincoln, RI 02865 401-312-0369 www.bvori.com

Claude's Cycles

Snowshoes 10% off. Canoe & power sports accessories 10% off. Wood canoes & fiberglass canoes 8% off. 50cc scooters 3% off. Receive an additional 2% discount on canoes and 50cc scooters when you pay by bank check. Discounts are for card carrying RICKA members and apply to non-sale items.
Foxborough, Ma. (call for directions)
508-543-0490 www.claudescycles.com

EMS: 15% off plastic hulls and accessories (when purchased with a hull); 10% off all other kayak accessories without purchase of a hull. Full-priced items only. Must show RICKA membership card to the cashier to receive discount. Offer valid in EMS Cranston and Middletown locations only; not valid in other locations, online, or on phone orders. Valid on in-stock merchandise only. Offer expires 12/29/2010.

OspreySea Kayak Adventures:

10% off accessories.
489 Old County Rd Westport MA 02790 508-636-0300 www.ospreyseakayak.com

Quaker Lane Outfitters :

All canoes & kayaks 10% off. Accessories 20% off.
4019 Quaker Lane (Route 2) N, Kingstown 800-249-5400.

The KayakCentre:

Glass boats 6% off normal retail; plastic boats 10% off normal retail; accessories with boat purchase 15% off, 10% off all other times for RICKA members.
Brown and Phillips Streets, Wickford Village.
1-888-SEA-KAYAK www.kayakcentre.com

WaveLengthMagazine:

"Club Sub" \$10 introductory subscription for new subscribers who are paddling club members (a \$5 discount). Send a check with your name and mailing address along with a note saying you belong to RICKA to WaveLength Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7.
<http://www.WaveLengthMagazine.com>





IS THIS A GREAT COUNTRY OR WHAT:

Weather extremes for May 7, 2010 from the National Weather Service www.weather.gov

PUBLIC SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK

NWS STORM PREDICTION CENTER NORMAN OK 0630 AM CDT FRI MAY 07 2010

THE NWS STORM PREDICTION CENTER IN NORMAN OK IS FORECASTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DAMAGING WINDS AND A FEW TORNADOES OVER PARTS OF THE OHIO VALLEY THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT.

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DULUTH MN
839 AM CDT FRI MAY 7 2010

...LATE SEASON ACCUMULATING SNOW EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING...

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CORPUS CHRISTI TX 403 AM CDT FRI MAY 7 2010

...HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES ARE EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON...

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NORTH PLATTE NE 125 AM CDT FRI MAY 7 2010

...WIDESPREAD SUB FREEZING TEMPERATURES EXPECTED SATURDAY MORNING ACROSS WESTERN AND NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA...

FROM THE EDITOR

Now that I've got the sixth issue of The Paddler (almost) under my belt, I'm beginning to lift my head above what seemed like the overwhelming flood of layout and formatting challenges, and to think about how The Paddler can be improved.

The first thing that comes to mind is that while I get an awful lot of input and material from a few people, it would be great to hear from more of you:

- Do you have some great photos you'd like to share? (as you can see at left, I'm scraping the bottom of the barrel)
- How telling the rest of us about a favorite paddling trip or locale?
- Do you have strong feelings one way or another about a particular boat, paddle, or other piece of gear?
- How about a recent (or not so recent) Paddling Moment that stands out in your memory?
- Do you have a question or an opinion about a particular paddling stroke or technique?

Chances are, there are a lot of other folks out there who would enjoy hearing from you, looking at your photos, or who maybe have an answer to a question that's been bugging you for the longest time.

This is your club and your newsletter – don't be shy!

See you on the water, Cat Radcliffe

